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SUBJ: INTERVIEW WITH ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI FOR KONTAKTY

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FOLLOWING ARE OUR QUESTIONS FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI FOR USE IN THE KONTAKTY SECTION OF AMERYKA:

1. WHAT SIGNIFICANCE DOES POLAND HAVE IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF US FOREIGN POLICH?

2. WHY DID PRESIDENT CARTER COME TO POLAND RATHER THAN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN EASTERN EUROPE ON HIS RECENT TRIP? WHY WAS POLAND THE FIRST STOP ON HIS ITINERARY?

3. PRESIDENT CARTER AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN ALONG WELL DURING THE VISIT. IS THAT A FAIR IMPRESSION? IF SO, HOW WILL THEIR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP AFFECT FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES?

4. HOW VALUABLE DO YOU THINK STATE VISITS ARE IN GENERAL? ISN'T
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THERE USUALLY TOO MUCH CEREMONY AND TOO LITTLE TIME FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE LEADERS?

5. DURING HIS VISIT PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED THAT POLAND WOULD BE GRANTED A DOLS 200 MILLION CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GRAIN. DOES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLAN TO EXTEND MORE CREDITS TO POLAND?

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6. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO ADJUST THE BALANCE OF US-POLISH TRADE WHICH NOW TILTS HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES. WHAT DOES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAVE IN MIND TO HELP EASE POLISH ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET?

7. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID DURING HIS PUBLIC PRESS CONFERENCE IN WARSAW THAT POLAND HAS A RELATIVELY GOOD RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS. COULD YOU PLEASE ELABORATE ON THAT OPINION?

8. WHY DID YOU AND MRS. CARTER MEET WITH CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI? WHAT WAS DISCUSSED?

9. IS A RETURN VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK EXPECTED THIS YEAR?

10. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO MAKE A SEPARATE TRIP TO POLAND IN YOUR ROLE AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT?

11. BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, YOU LAST VISITED POLAND IN 1973. WHAT CHANGES IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THEN STRUCK YOU AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT?

12. IN WARSAW, PRESIDENT CARTER SPOKE OF POLAND'S UNIQUE POTENTIAL AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HOW CAN POLAND CON-BRIBUTE TO BETTER EAST-WEST RELATIONS?
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13. DO YOU THINK YOUR PERSONAL BACKGROUND GIVES YOU UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS FOR HELPING FORMULATE AMERICAN POLISH TOWARDS EASTERN EUROPE, OR DOES IT AROUSE SUSPICIONS AND CREATE BARRIERS IN YOUR DEALINGS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN LEADERS?

14. WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION OF POLISH-AMERICANS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO POLAND.
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